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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	BOARD OF CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Monday, April 16, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware Conference Room A , second floor of the Cannon Building
MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:	May 21, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT

John Mucha, LCSW, Professional Member, **President**, Presiding
Kyla Gleockler, Public Member **Vice President**
Dajoun Sewell, Public Member, **Secretary**
Linda Brittingham, LCSW, Professional Member
Dr. Fran Franklin, PhD, LCSW, Professional Member
Precious Benson, Public Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Nicole Williams, Administrative Specialist III
David Mangler, Division Director

MEMBERS ABSENT

Daphne Warner, LCSW, Professional member

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Marlene Saunders, National Association of Social Workers, Delaware Chapter (NASW-DE)
Amanda Irving, DSU/NASW-DE

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Mucha called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes from March 19, 2018. Mr. Mucha moved, seconded by Dr. Franklin, to approve the March minutes as amended. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Mr. Mucha advised that he contacted someone regarding teaching the all-day continuing education course for "social work and the law" and will continue to update the Board on the progress. Mr. Mucha also advised that the social work bill will be in the House tomorrow for consideration.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business before the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

Review and Consider Application by Reciprocity for Patricia Huxle-Cohen

The Board reviewed and considered the application submitted by Ms. Huxley-Cohen. The Board determined that Ms. Huxley-Cohen does not meet the requirements by reciprocity since she did not take the clinical exam and was licensed in Massachusetts by way of grandfathering. Mr. Mucha moved, seconded by Ms. Benson, to approve Ms. Huxley-Cohen for approval to sit for the clinical exam and upon successful passing her license can be issued. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Ratification of Application(s) to Sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam

Mr. Mucha moved, seconded by Dr. Franklin, to amend the agenda to add Aarian Oliver and Taryn Perry to the below list of names and then to ratify the below application(s) to sit for the ASWB clinical exam. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

1. Mary Cressman
2. Mya Cooper
3. Symore Evans
4. Richard Houseal
5. Raimya Stanford
6. Aarian Oliver
7. Taryn Perry

Ratification of Application(s) By Reciprocity

Mr. Mucha moved, seconded by Ms. Brittingham, to ratify the below application(s) for licensure by reciprocity. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

1. Jennifer Newman
2. Jacqueline Thomas

Status of Complaints

1. Complaint #31-13-17 - Sent to AG's Office
2. Complaint #31-01-18 - Closed by Investigator
3. Complaint #31-02-18 - Closed by Investigator

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence for the Board to review.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (FOR DISCUSSION ONLY)

Mr. Mucha and the Board discussed CEUs for the multi-tier licensure, possibly requiring CE in the amounts of 20, 30, and 40. The average for most States is 30. For the clinical level, they discussed possibly requiring 40 CEUs. Ms. Benson suggested 35 hours of CE since the average is 30. The Board agreed. Ms. Brittingham inquired about how many CE hours should be mandated for ethics and suggested five hours. The Board agreed.

The Board also discussed allowing applicants to sit for the exam right after graduating, instead of making the applicant wait to complete all post-degree experience. Dr. Saunders explained that she found that many States are allowing the exam candidate to sit for the appropriate level in their final year of the social work program.

Dr. Franklin advised that she is onboard with allowing the candidates to sit for the exam during the final year of the program for the bachelors and masters level but believes the gained supervision is crucial for the clinical level before sitting for the clinical exam; however she will vote with the Board's final decision. Ms. Brittingham advised that even many of the clinical exam candidates successfully pass the exam in the last semester of the master's program before completing the experience hours.

Dr. Saunders also advised the Board to think about how many hours of CE can be completed online and how many should be face-to-face, live CE hours. Currently the Board allows all CE's to be completed online. Mr. Mucha advised that he would move towards requiring some of the required CE's to be face-to-face, live CE's. Dr. Franklin advised she believes it should be a certain percentage that can be taken online, even if MSW programs are all online.

The Board further discussed the amount that should be required for each tier of the license. For example, MSW would be 25 hours of CE and the BSW would be 15 hours of CE. Mr. Mucha further advised that many licensees do not understand the self-directed CE's regulation language and stated that the language needs to be better clarified. Ms. Williams will pass this information on to Ms. Kelly for her review for next month for discussion.

Mr. Mangler addressed the Board briefly and confirmed that HB311 will be on the House agenda for tomorrow and does not foresee any issues.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Saunders addressed the Board and advised that HB311 will be introduced into the House Committee tomorrow, April 17, 2018 and was advised that the bill should pass and then will be awaiting the Governor's signature to become effective as a new law. Dr. Saunders read Mr. Mangler's response regarding the amendment to the bill to strike the use of "hospitals" in the language which will make the three broader areas all inclusive.

Ms. Brittingham advised that the multi-tier licensure will allow Delaware the opportunity to be more competitive.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is scheduled for May 21, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room A, of the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Suite 203, Dover, Delaware.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Franklin moved, seconded by Ms. Brittingham, to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Nicole M. Williams
Administrative Specialist III
Delaware Board of Clinical Social Work Examiners

The notes of this meeting are not intended to be a verbatim record of the topics that were presented or discussed. They are for the use of the Board members and the public in supplementing their personal notes and recall for presentations.